(c) the corrective steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The allegations made in the newspaper report are under investigation of Food Corporation of India.

[*English*]

**Strengthening of Food and Drug Admistrations.**

4184. SHRI SANAT MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are working out a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Food and Drug Administrational all over the country;

(b) if so, the broad features of the plan; and

(c) the role assigned to the State Government and that reserved by the Union Government in this-regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The Government have initiated various steps to strengthen the Food and Drug Administration, both at the Central and State levels. These include expansion of prevention of Food Adulteration Units and the Central Drugs Control Organisation at the Centre; additional facilities for the Central Food and Drug Laboratories and providing of central Assistance to the State Government to augment the facilities in the Food and Drug Laboratories. It is also proposed to strengthen the Drug Inspectorate Staff in the States.

(c) Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules thereunder and also the Drugs and Consmetic Act and Rules thereunder, the role assigned to the Central Government is mainly to lay down standards for Food and Drugs respectively. However, the basis responsibility of enforcement of these Acts and Rules for purposes of issuing of Licences/cancellation of licences, checking of quality of Food and drugs etc. are of the State Governments.

The Drugs and Cosmetic Rules are being amended so that for specified categories of drugs like biologicals, immuno-biological and I. V. Fluids the State Government shall issue licences only with the approval of the Central Government.

[*Translation*]

**Welfare Schemes of Tribals With World Bank Assistance**

4185. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the details of the schemes proposed to be executed with the world bank assistance for the welfare of tribals living in the plateau area under the Family Welfare Programmes during 1991-1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Free Rail Travel Passes**

4186. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 30, 1991 to Unstarred Question No. 1012 and state the class-wise number of free travel passes issued since July, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Class-wise number of Complimentary Card Passes issued since July, 1991 to 15.3.1992 is as under:

| IAC | Ist Class | IInd Class |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 54 | 8 |

**Allocation of Book Stalls at Karnal Station.**

4187. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the government have received complaints in regard to the allocation of Book-stalls at the KARNAL Railway Station of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government have conducted by inquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes Sir, One of the applicants had represented regarding undue delay in finalising the bookstall contract at Karanal Station.

(c) to (e). Yes, Sir. Industry made revealed that there was some delay in finalising allotment of contract but this was basically a procedural delay. Iniquities further revealed that allotment of book-stall was made as per policy and the same was in order.

[*English*]

**Oral Rehydration Therapy Scheme in Orissa**

4188. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the implementation of Oral Rehydration therapy scheme;

(b) the impact of this scheme at the grass root level; and

(c) the rates of child morbidity and mortality from diarrhoea diseases in Orissa before the implementation to the scheme and now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Under the National Oral Rehydration Therapy Scheme, 4 lakh medical and para-medical personnel have been trained and 30,000 private practitioners have been trained separately by the Indian Medical Association. 39 Diarrhoea and treatment Training Units have been established in the medial colleges. Training Units have been established in the medical colleges. Between 1986-87 to 1990-91, Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) worth Rs. 804 lakhs has been supplied to all States and UTs. Intensified communication programme for prevention of Diarrhoea, use of home available fluids and ORS have also been carried out.

(b) Surveys carried out during 1989 and 1991 revealed that 42% of mothers in rural and 49% in urban areas used more fluids during Diarrhoea and upto 68% of mothers continued to feed their children during Diarrhoea. As a result of impiementation of ORT and other programmes, the Infant Mortality